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**Update for the Assaults on Public Safety Employees and Volunteers and
Arizona State Hospital Employees Rulemaking
Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.), Title 9, Chapter 6, Article 8**

A.R.S. § 13-1210, as amended by Laws 2008, Chapter 203, specifies circumstances in which an individual who is an Arizona State Hospital employee or the individual's employer may petition a court to order testing of another individual for HIV or other diseases. The Department has adopted rules to implement A.R.S. § 13-1210 in 9 A.A.C. 6, Article 8, which currently specifies notification procedures associated with assaults on public safety employees and volunteers. The Department is proposing to amend the rules in 9 A.A.C. 6, Article 8 to add Arizona State Hospital employees to the rules where applicable and has drafted a revision of 9 A.A.C. 6, Article 8.

The Department has established a Web Page for this rulemaking and has posted draft rules on the Web Page for informal public comment. Based on comments received, a new draft has been prepared and has also been posted in the Web Page for informal public comment.

Individuals interested in the rulemaking are asked to review the draft and communicate their comments, issues, and concerns, **by February 6, 2009**, to Ruthann Smejkal, Rules Analyst for the Department, by e-mail at smejkar@azdhs.gov, by phone at 602-364-1230, or by fax at 602-364-1150.